MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

Brahmins	...	396
Nairs	...	126
Catholic Christians	...	24
Other Christians	...	184
Ezhavas	...	9
Mahomedans	...	15
Other castes	...	77

Theft in the Stamp Manufactory.

190. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a theft of some paper was committed in the Stamp Manufactory by the Store-keeper, Mr. K. Parameswaran Pillai;

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, whether they have made any enquiries about it; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the negative, whether they will enquire into this and other irregularities in that institution that have been brought to the notice of this House for the last two years?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) and (*c*) These do not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*). No irregularities in the Stamp Manufactory have been brought to the notice of the Government.

Mr. Chacko, Superintendent, Stamp Manufactory.

191. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a complete list of all the seniors of Mr. Chacko, Superintendent, Stamp Manufactory, both in the Revenue Department and in the Account Office?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the claims of all the seniors of Mr. Chacko were duly considered when he was made provisional on Rs. 170 from the 3rd Edavam 1101?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*):

(1) As regards the Land Revenue Department, the member is referred to the Civil List for information. As between Mr. Chacko and the officers of the Account Department, there is no question of seniority as he has no lien on the Account Department.

(2) The question of seniority arises only in regard to promotions within one and the same department.

Water Scarcity in the Nattalam Pakuthi.

192. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*):

(*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the scarcity of drinking water experienced by the inhabitants of the Nattalam *pakuthi*?

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